(c) Trishul missile system is primarily a shor range, Quick reaction antiaircraft defence system. It can also be used in anti-missile role against seaskimmer missiles attcking the naval ships.

Eviction notices to civilian employees of Delhi Station Headquartes

1518. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 72 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 1997 and state:

(a) whether the allottees referred to in the annexure of the said reply (Sl. No. 1 to 5) had made request for allotment for a specific period;

(c) if so, the details of the each allottees;

(d) if not, the reasons and justificaitons for alloting them for a period of six months;

(e) whether the period of allotment of six months fall under the definition of temporary occupation; and

(f) if not, the rationale of trials for eviction on plea that allotment was temporary?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The definition of Temporary Occupation as given in Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971 is as under:—

"*temporary occupation in relation to* any public premises means occupation by any person on the basis of any order of allotment made under the authority of the Central Government, a State Government, the Government of a Union Territory or a Statutory Authority for a total period (including the extended period, if any) which is less than thirty days."

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) These houses where meant for service personnel. They were allotted to the five civilian employees purely on a temporary basis. The allotment was liable to be cancelled as and when the accommodation was required for use of service personnel.

भारत चीन सीमा पर चीन द्वारा सैनिकों को तैनात किया जाना

1519. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन ने हाल ही में भारत-चीन सीमा पर बड़ी संख्या में अत्याधुनिक शस्त्रास्त्रों से लैस सैनिकों को तैनात किया है; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो सरकार द्वारा भारतीय सीमा पर चौकसी बढ़ाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए है?

रक्षा मंत्र (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नांडीज): (क) सरकार के पास इस प्रकार की कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं है।

(ख) हमारी सीमाओं पर निरन्तर चौकसी रखी जाती है तथा हमारी राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा पर प्रभाव डालने वाली सभी घटनाओं को मानीटर किया जाता है। समुचित रक्षा तैयारी बनाएं रखने के लिए यथापेक्षित आवश्यक उपाय किए जाते हैं।

Missile technology to Pakistan

1520. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had earlier stated that the technology of the 'Ghauri' missile test fired by Pakistan was transferred to them by the Chinese;

(b) if so, the basis of authenticity of such information; and

(c) whether such a statement is conducive to the Government's purported objective of building good neighbourly relations with China?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to

(c) In Government's appreciation, Pakistan does not have adequate technology base to indigenously develop on its own a surface to surface missile of 1500 km range. Intelligence reports suggest the possibility of the missile/ missile technology having been procured from a third country. The Chinese assistance to Pakistan in the supply of M-11 missiles and technical assistance in the development of indigenous missiles is well known. Expression of India's genuine security concerns should not come in the way of our efforts for building a frindly, cooperative, good neighbourly and mutually beneficial relationship with China. Both sides should be responsive to each other's concerns.

Reimbursement of Cost of Newspaper

1521. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have empowered various Heads of Departments to sanction reimbursement of cost of a minimum of one newspaper to its Gazetted Officers, subject to a maximum amount of Rs. 150 per month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such reimbursement has not been sanctioned to the officers of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (Headquarters);

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to sanction the said reimbursement?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Government have isssued guidelines for allowing reimbursement of expenditure incurred on the supply of newspapers to gazetted officers at their residences. These guidelines envisaged reimbursement of expenditure on one Indian newspaper to officers upto Director level, two newspapers to officers of Joint Secretary level and three newspapers to officers of Addl. Secretary level. No upper limit was set for officers of Secretary level.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) is a scientific organisation dedicatedly working for development of state-of-the-art defence systems. Therefore its scientists and engineers need to be well informed about latest development in scientific field. Such information is not available in news papers. The technical libraries have therefore been well stocked with latest books and technical/research journals to cater to this need. In addition, important extracts of newspapers are consolidated in the form of a booklet, "Daily Current Awareness Services" and forwarded to various officers of DRDO Headquarters and also displayed in various libraries.

In addition scientists have been permitted to become members of scientific and professional societies and the membership fee is being reimbursed by Government, subject to certain monetary ceilings.

Upgradation of Diu Airstrip

1522. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IAF's plan to upgrade Diu Airstrip has been stalled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how will the western sector off-shore oil fields will be protected against any threat from the border?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the interest of national security it will not be desirable to disclose the details in this regard.